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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1555, IMAGE INTENSI-
FIERS AND CONVERTERS

REF: (A) STATE 81056, (B) OECD PARIS 9682, (C) COCOM

DOC DEF (75) 1555/1.1 TO 1.6

1. DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM ON APRIL 6 WAS INCONCLUSIVE.
FRENCH DEL CONTINUED TO BELIEVE US PROPOSAL IN /1.6 WAS
TOO BROAD AND FELT THAT PROPER WAY TO DEAL WITH IT WAS
TO MAKE REFERENCE IN THE INTERPRETATIVE NOTES TO THE
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE GOGGLES WHICH THE DUTCH
WANT TO FREE.

2. US DEL MADE THE STATEMENT ABOUT LIMITATION TO LESS
THAN 10 UNITS REQUESTED IN REF A. NETHERLANDS DEL,
WITH SOME ASPERITY, DESCRIBED THE STATEMENT AND JUSTI-
FICATION OF IT AS "MUDDLED." HE ASKED WHY WE INSISTED
ON LIMITING SHIPMENTS TO SO SMALL A NUMBER WHEN THESE
GOGGLES WERE CAPABLE OF VISION ONLY UP TO 10 METERS,
AND HOW 10 OR MORE OF THESE UNITS COULD IMPROVE MILI-
TARY CAPABILITIES. FURTHER, HE FAILED TO SEE A REASON
FOR AE TREATMENT, SINCE IT WOULD NOT LESSEN THE ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE BURDEN.

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3. JAPANESE DEL PREFERRED AN SOU, AND ASKED FOR CLARI-

FICATION OF THE US POSITION ON SCOPE OF ITEM 1555. IN THE VIEW OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, THAT ITEM DID NOT EMBARGO EQUIPMENT CONTAINING IMAGE INTENSIFIER/ CONVERTER TUBES, AND THEY WISHED TO KNOW WHY US AUTHORITIES THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO REFER TO SUCH EQUIPMENT IN THEIR PROPOSED AE NOTE.

4. SINCE FRENCH DEL DID NOT AGREE TO US COUNTER-PROPOSAL, IT WAS NOT ADOPTED. FOR THE SAME REASON, THE DUTCH REVISED PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE THE ITEM AND THEIR REVISED PROPOSAL FOR AN SOU WERE NOT ACCEPTED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO JAPANESE QUERY ON EMBARGO COVERAGE OF EQUIPMENT CONTAINING IMAGE INTENSIFIERS AND CONVERTERS;

(B) FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR LIMITING SHIPMENTS TO UNDER 10 IN LIGHT OF NETHERLANDS CHALLENGE TO THIS POSITION;

(C) AUTHORIZATION TO CLEAR DRAFT OF COCOM DOC. DEF. (75) 1555/1.2, WHICH SECRETARIAT REMINDS US HAS NOT YET BEEN CLEARED.

6. ITEM IS RESCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION ON APRIL 27. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY THAT DATE.
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